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Station Madras, *Dated the* 11th August 1941. 19 .

From (Name) L. B. Green Esq., O. B. E.,
(Designation) Director of Industries & Commerce.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
DEVELOPMENT Department.

Sir,

(E) Reference:- G.O.No.2411 Ms., Development, dated 10th October 1941.

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p 6 ibid. In the G.O. quoted above, Government deferred, on my recommendation, the proposal to constitute a second coir demonstration party to be employed in South Kanara district. When I toured on the West Coast in May, the President and members of the South Kanara Cottage Industries Cooperative Society, Mangalore, represented to me the desirability of opening a coir démonstration class in the district as early as possible. I enclose for the information of Government, a copy of the representation on the subject received from the President of the Society, together with the endorsement of the Deputy Registrar of Cooperative Societies, South Kanara.

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2. Coir is not being prepared to any extent at present in the South Kanara district in spite of the existence of suitable facilities for the industry and it may take some years for this industry to develop in the district to anything like the extent it has done in

other parts of the West Coast. There is a feeling in the district that little has been done for the people by the Development Departments of Government and it is desirable that everything possible should be done to remove this impression.

3. The methods of retting husks, willowing of the fibre, spinning, making of brush mats, and weaving of coir mattings etc., will have to be demonstrated, and the cost of the demonstration which will have to extend over a period of six months will be as follows:

Pay of demonstrator for six months at Rs.25/-	Rs.150
10 apprentices for six months at two annas per day or Rs.3-4-0 per month per apprentice	Rs.195
Miscellaneous including railway freight, appliances etc.	Rs. 75
	Rs.420

No provision has been made in the above estimate for the travelling allowance of the Leather Research Chemist who may have to visit South Kanara at least once.

3. The President of the South Kanara Cottage Industries Cooperative Society and the Deputy Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Mangalore, expect to collect Rs.100/- from the Ullal Coir Workers' Cooperative Society which has been started for the development of the coir industry in the district, and this amount will be available for the purchase of raw materials etc. The demonstration may be sanctioned subject to the condition that Rs.100/- is provided by the Society for the purpose. It is proposed that the necessary appliances should be obtained on loan from the Coir Working School, Beypore.

4. If the demonstration is to be finished before the end of the official year, work will have to commence by the 15th September 1941. I therefore request that orders sanctioning the demonstration may be issued, as early as possible. The expenditure will be met from the probable savings in the departmental budget, or by applying for an additional appropriation later in the year if funds are not available.

Director of Industries & Commerce.

MVS/

Copy of letter dated 20th June 1941 from the South Kanara Cottage Industries Cooperative Society, Mangalore.

When you were in Mangalore on tour you will remember we discussed the desirability of opening a coir demonstration class at Kottekar (Ullal), You then assured us that you would give it your immediate consideration.

We are aware that just now due to war conditions there is a great slump in the coir trade but you are probably aware that the coir industry in our district inspite of cheap raw material is badly organised and is still in its primitive stage as far as manufacture goes. It will take at least 6 to 8 years for us to come anywhere near the Travancore and Beypore quality.

We have already lost valuable time and so we would appeal to you to give this request of ours your most earnest consideration and recommend to the Government that a demonstration class be sanctioned as early as possible.

We assure you all cooperation.

Endorsement dated 4th July 1941 of the Deputy Registrar of Cooperative Societies, South Kanara.

Forwarded to the Director of Industries and Commerce, Madras for favourable consideration.

2. The Director was prepared to consider a less costly scheme. I would therefore suggest that a demonstration maistry may be deputed for a period of six months to teach twenty workers improved methods of manufacture of coir yarn and coir goods. This may cost Government as follows:-

1.	Pay of maistry at Rs.30 a month for 6 months ...	Rs.	180	0 0
2.	T.A. for Maistry for his journey from Calicut to Ullal and back	Rs.	20	0 0
3.	Railway freight and cooly charges for appliances ...	Rs.	10	0 0
4.	Wages for 20 workers at 2 annas a day for 6 months ...	Rs.	660	0 0

It is presumed that appliances required for the demonstration can be spared from Calicut. It would be a good gesture if one set of appliances is given to the Ullal coir workers cooperative society as a gift at Government cost. The raw material necessary for the demonstration would be supplied by the Ullal coir workers cooperative society.

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Subject Industries - Cottage Industries - Coir Industry Development of - Demonstration class in S. Kanara Dt - Proposals.

Ref From the Director of Industries & Commerce. No 3039-A/41 dt 11.8.1941.

In 1938 the Government directed that the Collectors of Districts should prepare comprehensive memoranda on the manner in which the interests of cottage industries in their districts could be furthered, to place them before the Dt Periodical Conferences and to submit detailed reports to Govt on the subject. The Collector of S. Kanara Dt reported that the Dt Periodical Conference held on 24.11.1939 considered the subject and decided that Coir Industry and Basket Making could be suitably selected for the purpose in S. Kanara. It was suggested that the Govt should grant a subsidy for the promotion of the Coir industry on Cooperative lines. The remarks of the D I & C and the R.C.S were called for on the suggestion. The D I & C was not sanguine about the success of the scheme. He said that one or more men could be trained in the Coir working

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Ref at p 22 of (D)

School at Beypore and that a demonstration party might be duplicated at Beypore or opened at some suitable centre in S. Kanara Dt. The R.C.S stated that a Dt. Cottage Industries Coop. Society had just been started with a view to promote the industries through the agency of primary societies affiliated to the Dt. Society. He suggested therefore that the working of the Dt. Society might be watched to ascertain whether the Coir industry could be promoted on Cooperative lines. In G.O. No 1150 Dated 17-5-40, the Govt. decided that the R.C.S should report after six months how far the Dt. Cottage Industries Coop. Society fulfilled its objects and that the D.I.Dr should renew his proposal for a second demonstration party for S. Kanara as a Part II scheme for 1941-42. The Director was also asked to report on the possibility of giving training in the Coir working School at Beypore, to a few capable workmen employed by respectable individuals of S. Kanara Dt. who are interested in Coir industry. Since then, the foreign market for Coir goods were closed on account of the War. The Director decided to defer the question of a demonstration party for S. Kanara. The R.C.S formed

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para 2, p 17 q (D)

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para 3, p 50 q (D)

para 4, p 51 q (D)

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a Coop. Society for Coir workers at Ullal at the instance of the Director in the hope of a ministry being deputed by the Director to give instruction to the workers. The Director did not send the ministry to Ullal, he however promised to arrange to admit a few students from S. Kanara in the Beypore School. The R.C.S instructed the Dt. Coop.

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Society, Mangalore to depute a few workers to Beypore accordingly. The R.C.S was therefore asked to report after a year on the progress made by the Dt. Coop. Society in this direction. The report from the R.C.S.

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is due only in March 1942.

Meanwhile, the Director has after a tour to West Coast in May submitted proposals for opening a demonstration party in S. Kanara for a period of six months from September 1941. The cost is estimated at Rs 420. The expenditure on account of this is proposed to be met from the existing allotment in the budget and the Director will apply for additional appropriation later if necessary.

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para 4, p 2 of.

In submitting the present proposal, the D I Sc has not consulted the R.C.S. He has not also stated whether he tried the possibility of giving training at the Beypore

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Coir Working School to a few workers from S. Kanara. He has merely stated that the Dt Coop. Socy. represented to him that a demonstration party should be opened as early as possible that the Malai coir workers C.S should find Rs 100/- for the purchase of raw materials etc and that the necessary appliances should be loaned out by the School at Beypore.

The reasons for the urgency of the proposal have not been stated by the Director. Previously, the D I & C was asked to submit his proposal for a demonstration party for S. Kanara as a Part II Scheme. It is now for consideration whether the demonstration proposal which is only for 6 months will be treated as a normal activity of the dept and sanction accorded to the Director's proposal to meet the expenditure which is only Rs 420/- from the existing allotment as in the case of the demonstration for Ramnad/Sanctioned vide G.O. No 660 dated 31-4-41. If so, a draft order is submitted for approval. Finance may see the draft for acceptance.

para 1. p 1 of B at p 1 of.

Ibid

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(The case was received 7 days over the file. The duty rd. be explained. The file rd. have been submitted to Govt. without waiting for one bill i.e. 27th.

(E) p 1 - 2 Explained in person

The proposal has a long history behind it, but the report of the Director is incomplete. In October 1940, the Director suggested that the question of constituting a coir demonstration party in the South Kanara district should be

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deferred until next year in view of the deterioration in the position of the coir industry. He has not now indicated what the position is and whether we would be justified in increasing the production of coir in the West Coast at present.

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As early as 1940, the Director was requested to consider the possibility of giving training in the coir making class at Beypore to a few capable workmen of South Kanara. In this connection a suggestion was

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made by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies to the South Kanara Cottage Industries Society to depute a few workers for training at Beypore. The Director has not consulted the Registrar, nor has he reported whether any workers have been so deputed and what actio he has taken with reference to the orders issued in

pp 50-51 of D

G.O.No.1150.Development, dated 17-5-40.

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In 1940 the Director stated that a study of export and import figures showed that the industry is not of any great importance in Mangalore, but was of the view that subject to further enquiry, the coir

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demonstration party located at Beypore might be duplicated by another in that district. His present report does not indicate

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(1) whether a demonstration party is needed for helping an industry which is not of any great importance in that district,

(2) whether such a party will be productive of any practical results in view of the fact that even the soaking of husks is not practised to any appreciable extent in that district,

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(3) whether all that is desired cannot be achieved by the deputation of workers to Beypore,

and (4) whether there is any need now to assist

an industry which is in doldrums on account of the War.

The Director states "if the demonstration is to be finished before the end of the official year, work will have to commence before the 15th September 1941." He has not, however, adduced any reason why it should be finished before the end of the official year and why it should be regarded as so urgent.

With the incomplete report before us, it will be very difficult, without obtaining further information from the Director, to sanction the proposal so as to enable the demonstration to be started by the 15th September 1941.

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This scheme is put up by the D I & C as a necessary measure, as a result of his visit to S. Kanara and of the representations made to him there. It may be dealt with as a scheme independent of other schemes which may be put forward in respect of this district. The demonstration proposed is of improved methods in making coir yarn and coir mats and will be permanently useful to the industry in the district. The state of the coir market at present need not influence the consideration of the present proposal. (It may however be pointed out that the market may improve as there is likely to be a demand ~~for~~ for coir for war purposes — we have already told the D.I. and the Coir of Malabar accordingly).

The cost is small and I would sanction the proposal for introduction from 15.9.41 as suggested by the D.I. - Draft order below may be

Sri. for acceptance.

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The draft order may be accepted.

As the expenditure connected (Rs. 420) is trivial it is not necessary to treat the proposal as a Part II scheme.

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Order / Resolution ~~Rout.~~ No. 1667, dated 10-9-1941

1.B
Issue Order

Sanction is accorded to the opening of a coir demonstration class in S. Kanara Dist for a period of six months at a cost not exceeding Rs 420/- (Rupees four hundred and twenty only) on the whole. The class should be started on the provision of Rs 100/- (Rupees Hundred only) by the Tellal Coir Workers' Cooperative Society for the purchase of raw materials and the necessary appliances should be obtained on loan from the Coir Working Class, Beypore.

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2. The D I Bc is requested to apply for additional appropriation of funds later in the year if the expenditure cannot be met from the probable savings in the Budget.

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To A.S.

The draft order may be sent to Finance for acceptance before issue

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